

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Figs. 1-14;

Species II, illustrated in Figs. 15;

Species III, illustrated in Figs. 16;

Species IV, illustrated in Figs. 17 and 18; and

Species V, illustrated in Figs. 19 and 20.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Figs. 1-14, without traverse.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, and 9 read on the elected species. The remaining claims are subject to possible rejoinder.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson, Registration No. 40,439 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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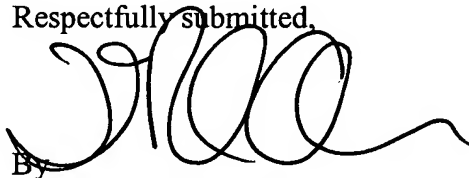
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- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,



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